

religious freedom, and democracy in China and enhances the national security interests of the United States with respect to China, receiving testimony from Senator Abraham; Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Gary L. Bauer, Family Research Council, Robert A. Kapp, United States-China Business Council, Robert Kagan, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Abigail E. Abrash, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights, and Richard N. Haass, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Sheila Heslin, former Director of Russian, Ukrainian, and Eurasian Affairs, National Security Council.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### INDIAN COUNTRY GANG ACTIVITY

*Committee on the Judiciary/Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committees concluded joint hearings to examine the incidence of youth violence and criminal gang activity within Indian country, and the Federal response, after receiving testimony from Kevin V. DiGregory,

Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, and Charles F. Rinkevich, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (Glynco, Georgia), both of the Department of Justice; Judge William A. Thorne, Third District Court of Utah, Salt Lake City; Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Scottsdale, Arizona; David Nez, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; and Daniel N. Lewis, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Phoenix, Arizona.

#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights and Competition concluded hearings to examine the outlook for competition in the telecommunications industry as a result of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the role of the Department of Justice in promoting and protecting this competition, after receiving testimony from Joel I. Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Reed E. Hundt, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Barry K. Allen, Ameritech Corporation, Chicago, Illinois; Mark C. Rosenblum, AT&T Corp., Basking Ridge, New Jersey; William P. Barr, GTE Corporation, and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, both of Washington, D.C.; and John C. Shapleigh, Brooks Fiber Properties, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 6 public bills, H.R. 2487-2492; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 152, and H. Res. 231, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers (H. Rept. 105-164 Part 2);

H.R. 2343, to abolish the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, amended (H. Rept. 105-249);

H. Res. 230, providing for consideration of H. Res. 168, to implement the recommendation of the bipartisan House Ethics Reform Task Force (H. Rept. 105-250);

H.R. 2247, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak, amended (H. Rept. 105-251); and

Conference report on H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105-252).

Pages H7509-27

**Speaker pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Calvert to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Miller of California motion to adjourn by a ye and nay vote of 43 yeas to 355 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 400.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the DeLauro motion to adjourn by a ye and nay vote of 39 yeas to 364 nays, Roll No. 401.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Miller of California motion to adjourn by a ye and nay vote of 57 yeas to 359 nays, Roll No. 404.

Pages H7480-81

**Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act:** By a ye and nay vote of 346 yeas to 80 nays, Roll No. 402, the House passed H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The House completed general debate and considered amendments to the bill on September 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 16.

Pages H7372–H7452

Agreed To:

The Lowey amendment that repeals sections of the Balanced Budget Act and Taxpayer Relief Act relating to a tobacco industry settlement credit; and

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The Riggs amendment that prohibits the Department of Education to sanction a State for its election not to provide special education and services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to individuals who are 18 years of age or older and are incarcerated in adult State prisons.

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Withdrawn:

The Coburn amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the Centers for Disease Control or any other part of the Public Health Service from supporting any program in which blood samples are collected from newborns and tested for HIV when the samples do not indicate the identity of the baby;

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The Nadler en bloc amendments were offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to require a medically necessary and appropriate determination to be made only by the treating health care professional; and prohibit monetary rewards to health care professionals to influence a decision as to what constitutes medically necessary and appropriate treatments, tests, procedures, or services;

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The Riggs amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the Department of Education from any sanction to a grant recipient for its refusal or failure to enforce a preference or affirmative action plan for admissions to public educational institutions; and

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The Hoekstra amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to reduce the amounts made available for "Education Reform" and related programs and increase the amounts for "School Improvement Programs".

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Point of Order Sustained Against:

The Shadegg amendment that sought to prohibit any funds to be used to enter into a contract with a person or entity that is the subject of a proceeding commenced by the Federal Government and alleging fraud.

Pages H7390–91

The bill was considered pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, July 31.

Pages H6667–69

**Congressional Gold Medal:** The House passed H.R. 2248, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward religious understanding and peace.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**Federal Advisory Committees:** Message wherein he submitted the twenty-fifth Annual Report on Federal Advisory Committees for fiscal year 1996—referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; and

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**National Emergency re Iran:** Message wherein he submitted his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–131).

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**Treasury, Postal Service Appropriations:** By a ye and nay vote of 231 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 403, the House passed H.R. 2378, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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Agreed To:

The Blagojevich amendment that increases Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms funding by \$1 million for the youth crime interdiction initiative and reduces the Treasury Inspector General funding accordingly;

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The Sununu amendment that identifies \$200,000 of OMB funding for implementation of the Congressional Review Act;

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The Filner amendment that prohibits the IRS from including an individual's Social Security Number on the outside of a tax-related mailing and requires the SSN, if used as a part of a mailing, to be in a sealed envelope which cannot be viewed without opening it; and

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The Sanders amendment that prohibits the United States Customs Service from importing any product manufactured by forced or indentured child labor.

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Rejected:

The Lowey amendment that sought to strike Section 516, prohibiting the use of any funding associated with the Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan to be used for any benefits or coverage for abortion.

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The Bill was considered pursuant to a unanimous consent agreement that made it in order for the

Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone a request for a recorded vote on any amendment and reduce the time for voting by electronic device on any postponed question. **Page H7456**

**Points of Order Sustained Against:**

Proviso relating to aggregate overtime limitation of \$30,000; **Page H7465**

Section 413 relating to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act; **Page H7467**

Section 518 relating to certain historic U.S. origin firearms imports; and **Pages H7471-72**

Section 519 relating to expanding the Global Package Link Service. **Page H7472**

**Late Report:** Conferees received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. **Page H7480**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7367 and H7380-81.

**Referrals:** S. 965, to amend title II of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996 to extend an authorization contained therein, was referred to the Committee on Science and S. Con. Res. 45, commending Dr. Hans Blix for his distinguished service as Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the occasion of his retirement, was referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H7527**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7528-29.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7367-68, H7371-72, H7452, H7479-80, and H7480-81. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FORAGE IMPROVEMENT LEGISLATION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review forage improvement legislation. Testimony was heard from Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Maitland Sharp, Assistant Director, Renewable Resource and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee

action the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

### FHA MULTIFAMILY RESTRUCTURING—TAX CONSEQUENCES

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on Tax Consequences of FHA Multifamily Restructuring. Testimony was heard from Kenneth J. Kies, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 1411, Drug and Biological Products Modernization Act of 1997; H.R. 2469, Food and Nutrition Information Reform Act; and H.R. 1710, Medical Device Regulatory Modernization Act of 1997.

### ASIA-U.S. DEMOCRACY PROGRAM PROMOTIONS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S. Democracy Program Promotions in Asia. Testimony was heard from John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### OVERVIEW—U.S. POLICY TOWARD MEXICO AND CANADA

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on an Overview of U.S. Policy toward Mexico and Canada. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1544, amended, Federal Agency Compliance Act; H.R. 2440, to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code; and H.R. 2464, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt international adopted children under age 10 from the immunization requirement.

### COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property concluded hearings on the following bills: H.R. 2281, WIPO Copyright Treaties Implementation Act; and H.R. 2180, On-Line Copyright Liability Limitation Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 131, amended, expressing